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EDITOR'S CORNER

The NJES Annual meeting will be held at the GSNA Convention, on May 19, 2001. Time and location of the meeting will be announced at the show. I urge all to attend and get acquainted with your Officers and fellow members. (meeting is at 11:AM)

Al Zaika

THE 500 CLUB

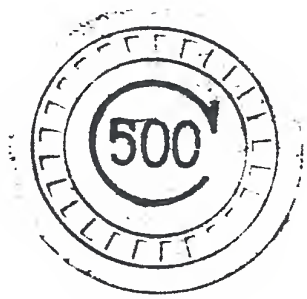
By Al Zaika

The 500 Club, a famous and elegant nightclub and illegal gambling casino, located at 6 South Missouri Ave. in Atlantic City, NJ. It was built in 1918, but didn't reach its prominence and popularity until the 1930-1950 period.

Many top entertainers performed there, including Sophie Tucker, Jimmy Durante, Frank Sinatra and many other star personalities. Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, relatively, unknowns at the time, started their career as a team at the 500 Club.

During this period, "Skinny" Damato was the recorded owner of the club, but it was well known that he was only a front for the "mob". When the reformers gained control of Atlantic City and shut down the illegal gambling, the 500 Club went down hill. The building was finally destroyed by fire in 1973.

Some of the club gambling chips were discovered last year. The one illustrated below is off-white and is made of a clay composition. Several other colored ships were part of the hoard. The various colors determined the denominations of the chips.



DON'T MISS IT

New Jersey Token and Medal Show

May 17 – 19, 2001

The Ukrainian Cultural Center
Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ

Show Hours

May 17 – 1pm – 7pm
May 18 – 10am – 7 pm
May 19 – 10am – 5pm

Directions: Route 287 to Exit 10, take Route 527 North and turn left at the traffic light. The center is on the right, opposite the Marriott Hotel, Look for the signs.

Exonumia from Your Neighborhood

MILESTONES OF PAPER

by David D. Gladfelter, NLG

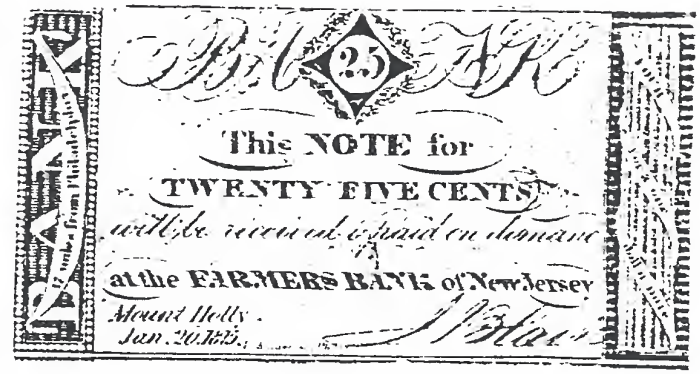
At the busy intersection of Main Street and Mount Laurel Road not far from my home in Moorestown is an old brownstone post with inscriptions cut into two sides. One side has "10 M TO C", the other "8 M to M.H." The post is an old fashioned milestone, marking the distance in miles to Camden along the former Moorestown and Camden Turnpike, now Camden Avenue, and to Mount Holly along the former Mount Holly stage road, which also became a turnpike and today is known as Marne Highway. Both roads are connecting segments of Burlington County Route 537. The roads were laid out in the 1790s and the milestone, and others like it, may date from that period.

Collectors of New Jersey paper money have "milestones" of their own. I refer to the first series of bank notes issued by Mount Holly's Farmers Bank of New Jersey, shortly after being

chartered by the Legislature in 1815 as the 10th bank in the state and the first in Burlington County. Each of the 8 denominations in this series, $1, $2, $3, $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100, bears on it the unusual inscription "17 Miles from Philadelphia." Bank officials must have thought that if the stream of commerce were to carry some of their bank notes too far from home, it would help in redeeming them if the notes had directions to Mount Holly printed on them. (Of course, *everyone* would know where Philadelphia was.)

The $1 denomination "Milestone," Wait 1285, is illustrated herein, along with a 2x detail showing the directional inscription.

All of the surviving notes in the "Milestone" set are either proofs or unissued remainders, the circulating ones having been redeemed or lost. They were printed by the Philadelphia firm of Murray Draper Fairman & Co., which through successor firms became absorbed into the American Bank Note Co. Two examples, of the $5 and $10 denominations, were in the Christie's sale of the ABNCo archives; neither is listed in Wait. Those denominations that are listed are all given the top rarity of R7 (1-5 examples known).



Somewhat more available to collectors, although still scarce, are the "little Milestones," fractional-denomination scrip notes payable at the Farmers Bank and issued by individual merchants. These notes come in denominations of 6¼, 12½, 25 and 50 cents and are dated Jan. 20, 1815, at Mount Holly. The engraver was William Kneass of Philadelphia whose imprint is on the notes. Kneass later became a U. S. Mint engraver and is credited with the design of several gold and silver regular issue and pattern coins.

Most common of the "little Milestones" are those issued by John Black, who was one of the first directors of the Farmers Bank. One of Black's 25 cent notes is illustrated herein, along with a 2x detail of the "milestone" inscription. Other merchants whose names appear on the "little Milestones" are Wm. Irick, J. S. Nugent and Cha. Shreve. Wait lists a "Wm. Brown (?)" as issuer of No. 1283, a 12½ cent note; the signature must have been faint or otherwise hard to read, I have not seen it. John Black's notes can be found in all 4 denominations, but not all denominations are known for the other merchants.

Wanted: Encased cents and other coins, engraved coins, pop-outs, scenic love tokens, hobo nickels, potty dollars, just about anything made from coins. Send for my offer or call me at 407-352-7807. Bob Slawsky. PO Box 864, Windermere, FL 34786.

Obsolete or Broken Banknotes: From all counties in New Jersey, as well as Merchant Scrip, wanted for collection. Send photocopy or description. (Weit or Hexby #) to Tom O'Mara, 55 Rumson Road, Rumson, NJ 07760.

Dog License Tags: If you don't read ***PAW PRINTS***, you don't know dog license tags. Complimentary copy on request. Bill Bone, Editor, 928 S.R. 2206, Clinton, KY 42031.

Ocean County: Collecting and Researching all Ocean County obsolete and broken banknotes and merchant scrip. Want anything from Toms River 1850 to 1960, also notes issued in Bricksburg 1840's, Manchester 1840's....BUY - SELL - TRADE. Bob Mitchell, 629 Monmouth Way, Winter Park, FL 32792.

George Washington Inaugural Button Copies. Wanted, especially the different 1974 Liberty Village (Flemington NJ) copies, but others too, Write with description and price to F. Steimle, 2200 Appleby Drive, Wanamassa, NJ 07712-4636.

Hard Rock Café Pins Wanted. Will trade my Jersey Tokens & Medals and/or Playboy roulette chips for Hard Rock...Archie Black, PO Box 63, Brick, NJ 08723.

Wanted: Tickets, Transfers, Photographs, and any other items related to streetcars or busses in Scranton, Pa. Charles Wrobleski, 206 Green Street, Clarks Green, PA 18411.

New Jersey Amusement Token Listing. 76-page listing available for $7.00 postpaid from Bob Schopp, 16 Sanbert Circle, Hamilton Square, NJ 08690.

For Sale: Salem, NJ 1870's to 1890's Old newspapers. Local news and many interesting ads, Railroad timetables. $8.00 each or 3 different for $20.00. All orders are postpaid. Steven Kawalec, PO Box 4281, Clifton, NJ 07012.

For Sale: 300 assorted tokens, to best offer. Charles Mikulek, 35 W. Sumner Ave., Apt. #341, Union, NJ 07083, tele # 908-688-1144.

Wanted: Do you have WWI service medals issued by states, countries, and cities? I'll pay highest prices or swap for needed medals. Lou Small, box 19267-NJ, Jacksonville, FL 32245.

For Sale: Allegheny County Jail, (Pitts., Pa.) 1,5,10,25 and 40 cents and $1.00 canteen **scrip**. Send $5.00 and SASE. Al Zaika, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099-0065.

Wanted: MAGIC TOKENS AND MIRRORS: Will pay $500.00 for a Thurston, Kellar, Herrmann, or Houdini mirror. T.J. Bogusta, 294 Wyckoff Avenue. Wyckoff, NJ 07481 201-847-9081, e-mail tbogusta@proactivegroup.com

Wanted: Items related to the old Jersey City Stadium, (AKA) Roosevelt Stadium, and Roosevelt Stadium in North Bergen/Union City, NJ. George Dorsey, 168 E. Spring Valley Ave., Maywood, NJ 07107

Wanted: Bimetallic tokens from any state, NJ tokens, Lords Prayer medals, (13-19mm), Sofspra car wash tokens and Salada Tea baseball coins. (1962). Rocco DiGiacomo, 42 Sunset Dr., Mt. Holly, NJ 08060-1915.

For Sale: Egg Harbor City Trust Co. stock certificiate, issued 1928, with vignette of female and punch cancelled. $4.00 postpaid. Al Zaika, PO Box 65, Bellmawr, NJ 08099-0065.

Wanted: Tokens, medals and watch FOBS that advertise the Whitehead & Hoag Co. or any that has a swastika on them. US only, price and write Gary Patterson, 10- 4th St., Manchester, NJ 08759.

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